

Strengthening of the MECH's truck body

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Madina Evangelical Children's Home (MECH), a community based organization in Madina/Kambia District, received a 14 tons truck (MAN) in 2016 from our donor partner *Förderverein für das evangelische Waisenhaus in Madina/Sierra Leone e.V.*, a friend's association based in Germany as donation for the sustainable support to the orphanage.

The truck has to date been supporting the people of Madina with transporting of agricultural produce to Freetown for better marketing and thereby improved their livelihood. Madina is about 150 miles away from Freetown. About 30 miles of this road is in a very bad condition. The truck is always loaded at its full capacity for the long journey. The bad road condition together with the heavy load causes a lot of breakages and damages on the truck on each trip especially on the body. The truck body is made of aluminum which is almost impossible to weld because the knowledge and the tools do not exist in Sierra Leone.

Due to the weakness of the truck body, the truck over the past three months has not been able to take its full capacity and has stopped its operation since end of December. During this three month the proceeds could only take care of its running cost but hardly contribute to the feeding of the orphanage.

Since the truck is the only source of funding for the smooth running of the orphanage, it is necessary to strengthen the truck body. This will enable us to generate more income and therefore take better care of the needs of the children at the orphanage.

As a result of these reasons, MECH is requesting the sum of Le 6,000,000 (six million Leones) to revamp the truck and get it back to the road to continue its normal activities. A cost estimate is attached to this document.



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